Wellbeing (Health) Impact Assessment

Whangarei District Council’s Draft Liquor Licensing Policy

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Overview

• How it all Began?
• The Journey…..
  – Screening
  – Scoping
  – Appraisal and Report writing
  – Evaluation
• Reflections
How it all began?

- August 2009 - WDC LLP review
- Aug – Oct 09 - Review Focus Group
- Sept 09 - PHU recommended HIA
- March 2010 - HIA implemented

(Public submission)
Preparations for the journey....

- Formed a HIA team
- Funding – MoH ‘Learning by Doing HIA Fund’
- MoH’s HIA Support Unit
- Formed Steering Group
The Journey

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The Journey....

Screening and Scoping

- 24th March 2010
- Steering Group members
- Determinants of health – “Four Wellbeings of the Local Government Act 2002”
Scoping......
Four Wellbeings
Local Government Act 2002

Source: [www.communityoutcomes.govt.nz](http://www.communityoutcomes.govt.nz)
## Scoping……
### Four Wellbeings & Determinants of Health

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- Employment
- Creation and distribution of wealth
- Expenditure on health services (injury etc)
Scoping……

• Agreed:
  – Focus HIA on Part/whole policy
  – Aims and objectives
  – Key health determinants
  – Key groups/agencies to be considered

• Data collection
• What else could impact the policy – Law Commission’s Review
• HIA appraisal tool to be used
Scoping....
Current v/s Proposed
Liquor Licensing Policy

• On-licenses in Non-residential area– No restrictions
• On-licenses in residential area - 8am to 1am max
• Off-licenses Non-residential– No restrictions
• Off-licenses in residential areas 9am to 12midnight max

• On-licenses – 8am to 1am max (residential and non residential)
• Off-licenses – 8am to 8am or 8am to 10pm
• CBD on-licenses – 8 am to 1am or 8 am to 3am with a one-way door policy from 1am
• Clubs 8 am to 1am max
Scoping....

Key Determinants of Wellbeing

- **Whanau Ora**
  strengthening social relationships
- **Alcohol related harm**
  injury admissions at ED, crime statistics
- **Economic Impacts**
  licensees, employees, families, transportation
- **Community safety**
  perception, transportation
The Journey

Collectibles

- Community Survey
- Community profile
- Literature review
- Police data
- Hospital - Emergency Department Data
- Council data
The Journey....... 

Appraisal Workshop

• 20 April 2010
• Health Lens
• Group workshops
• Recommendations
Recommendations

- Off-licence operating hours – 9am to 9pm
- Define Residential and Non-Residential locations
- One-way door policy – Not supported
- CBD Licensing Hours – No consensus
- Better Public Transport
- Law Commission’s review
The Journey

Evaluation

- Process evaluation
- Short-term impact evaluation
Reflections

- Conduct HIA’s prior to public submissions
- Funding $$$$$
- Estimated time to complete x 2
- Lot of patience!!!!!!!!
- Timeline ????????
- Relevant Information gathering
- Support
- Collaborative working
- Networks
Reflections.....

- HIA - well received
- Off licensing hours
- One-way door policy
- Council more familiar with HIAs
- Interested in HIA on Gambling Policy
- Positive feedback from stakeholders
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